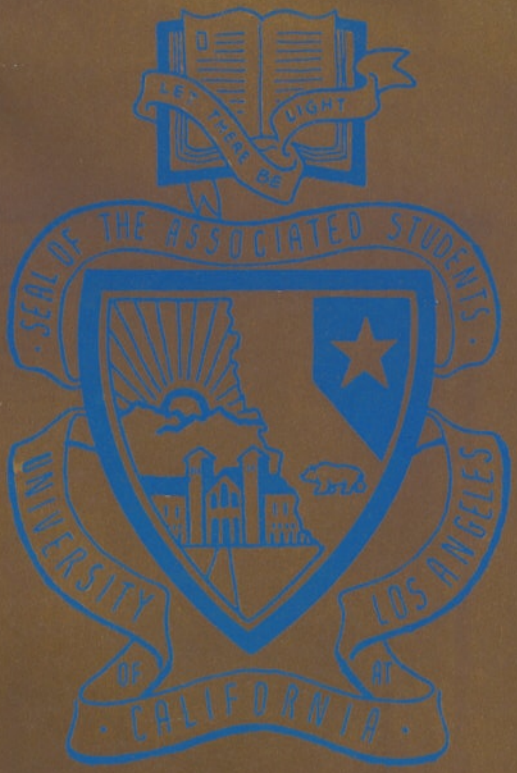


37th Annual Basketball Banquet

Tonight's Toastmaster

SAM BALTER

TONIGHT'S master of ceremonies is Sam Balter, the most listened-to radio and television commentator in the West, according to official ratings and surveys.

Now in his 19th year of sports broadcasting, Sam holds many firsts in his field. In 1938 he became the first sportscaster to be heard on a coast-to-coast hookup. In 1948 he handled the first telecasting of a Pacific Coast Conference football game, and he also was the first announcer on telecasting of PCL baseball games.

Sam is Sports Director of radio station KLAC. His daily analysis of the day's sports news is heard nightly on "One for the Book" at 5:45 p.m. on KLAC. His show is heard throughout the world through the facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Service. His shows have been a part of the Armed Forces program for seven years—a record in this field.

This past year has seen Sam branch into the journalism business, as he has a nightly column in the Los Angeles Herald Express. Although less than a year old, his column, which he also calls "One for the Book," has become one of the most widely-read columns in the L. A. newspapers.

Sam did an excellent job in 1942 of announcing all of the Cincinnati Reds' home and away baseball games.

He has won many honors in the sports broadcasting fields, and has won acclaim now also as a journalist. Sam has been a recipient of many awards from the Radio and Television News Club as the Southland's foremost sportscaster. He has also won many honors from Tele-Views magazine and the St. Louis Sporting News, long recognized as the bible of American sports. In recent years, he has also been cited by the Helms Athletic Foundation for meritorious service in the field of radio and television sportscasting.

Sam himself has had a very admirable career as an athlete. He is an alumnus of UCLA where he played on the basketball and baseball teams. In 1929 he served as basketball captain of the Bruins. After his graduation, he had quite a lot of success in AAU ball playing, along with other past Bruin stars such as Frank Lubin, on the Universal Picture quintet which won the national Amateur title in 1936. Sam was a member of the American Olympic hoop squad in 1936 also, and shared in its victory at Berlin.

UCLA VARSITY COACHES—From left: Don Ashen, assistant; John Wooden, head coach; Bill Putnam, assistant coach.

A Championship Coaching Combination

TONIGHT we again gather to honor a winning coach and another championship Bruin basketball team. This is no longer a novel experience as Coach Johnny Wooden has won five Southern Division titles and three Pacific Coast Conference crowns since coming to UCLA in 1948.

Wooden's record shows: 22 wins, 7 losses in 1948-49; 24-7 in 1949-50, 19-10 in 1950-51; 19-12 in 1951-52; 16-9 in 1952-53; 18-7 in 1953-54; 21-5 last season; and 22-6 this past season. John's overall record, excluding Alumni exhibitions, shows 161 wins, 62 losses for an amazing winning percentage of .722.

He was a star backetballer at Purdue and captained the Boilermakers in 1931 and 1932. During that time, Purdue won Big Ten titles and the national collegiate crown. Majoring in English, John's name is inscribed on the college's honor roll. For his athletic achievements and scholarship, he was awarded the coveted Big Ten medal.

Like all winning coaches, Wooden has talented and capable assistants.

Bill Putnam, assistant varsity coach, also serves as assistant athletic director. He is a Bruin alumnus and while an undergraduate played one year of football and two seasons of basketball. In the hoop sport, Bill received many honors. He was one of the top defensive guards in the nation in 1944 and 1945. As a senior, he captained the Bruins in 1945 and was chosen on the All-Coast and many All-American teams.

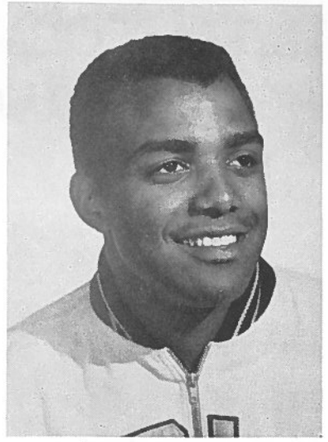
Don Ashen, assistant coach, is also a Bruin alumnus having graduated in 1946. Don's work is mostly done in the scouting department as he looks over the teams that the Bruins must play. Ashen captained the Bruins in 1936 and was an All-Southern Division guard. In addition to assisting Wooden, Don serves as assistant to the athletic director.

Deane Richardson, freshman coach, is a product of Bradley University in Illinois where he was a football and basketball star. Like his associates Deane was Bradley captain in 1941. Prior to coming to UCLA, Richardson coached at Stanford, COP, and Bradley.

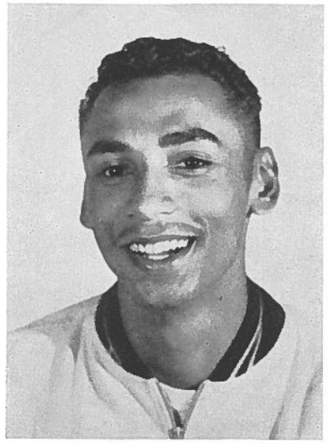
Others ably assisting Wooden, include genial Ducky Drake, trainer and track coach and Dr. Edward Ruth, team physician. Drake's quiet efficiency and good humar always proves helpful to the morale of Bruin athletic teams. Ruth's medical skill is most helpful in restoring Bruin athletes to a state of good health at the earliest possible moment.

Carroll Adams

Allen Herring

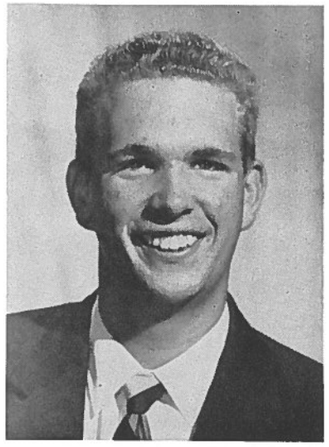


Willie Naulls



Morris Taft

BRUIN SENIORS



Gary Walls

FOUR members of this year's PCC championship winning Bruins will no longer grace the Westwood hardwoods. Willie Naulls, Morris Taft, Allen Herring and Carroll Adams have played their last game for UCLA.

Without these four gifted stars next year, Coach Wooden and his staff will have a tremendous rebuilding job to do.

Willie Naulls, who will be touring South America this summer with the San Francisco Dons as ambassadors of the United States State Department, rewrote the Bruin individual scoring records. "The Whale" set five new records while being picked as an All-American in his last year.

Naulls new records are most points in a career, 1225; most points in a single game, 39; most points scored in PCC games, 653; most points one season, 661; and most points scored in one PCC season, 376.

Morris Taft. will long be remembered all through the country for his famous hanging jump shot. Morris, although hampered by a bad back, was one of the top career scorers in the school's history also.

Taft had a 17.3 point-a-game average for the whole season, but did most of his damage during the PCC season when he hit for a 21 plus average. Morris was also a fine defensive guard and is one of the fastest men to perform on the court for the Bruins.

Al Herring will be remembered for his fine rebounding ability which was utilized to great lengths by the Bruins. Allen, although only 6 ft. 3 in., swept the boards with men three to four inches taller than he.

Herring also was a consistent double figure scorer. He averaged 9.3 points for the entire season and hit for 20 or more points on many important occasions.

Carroll Adams will be rememberer for his fine long-set shooting. Carroll has one of the best eyes on the coast and helped win many games, notably the Purdue tilt, with his long shooting. although he didn't see too much action, Carroll was a dependable player whenever employed by Coach Wooden.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES HONORS THE 1955-56 BRUIN VARSITY AND FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAMS AT THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL U C L A BASKETBALL BANQUET

Fox Hills Country Club 6:30 P.M. April 19, 1956

Basketball Captains

1920, Silas Gibbs
1921, Ray McBurney
1922, Silas Gibbs
1923, Buck Beeson
1924, Bill Goertz
1925, Wilbur Johns
1926, Horace Breese
1927, James Armstrong
1928, Jack Ketchum
1929, Sam Balter
1930, Larry Wildes
1931, Carl Knowles
1932, Dick Linthicum
1933, Ted Lemcke
1934, Don Piper
1935, Cordner Gibson
1936, Don Ashen
1937, Orv Appleby
1938, Jack Cooper
1939, *Bob Ace Calkins
1940, Alex Rafalovich
1941, *Bob Null and Lloyd Anderson
1942, Bob Alshuler and Ernie Handlesman
1943, John Fryer
1944, Dick West
1945, Bill Putnam and Bill Rankin
1946, Dick Hough and Hal Michaels
1947, Dick Perry
1948, John Stanich
1949, Ron Pearson
1950, Alan Sawyer
1951, Eddie Sheldrake
1952, Don Johnson and Jerry Norman
1953, Barry Porter
1954, Ron Livingston
1955, Don Bragg and John Moore
1956, _____ _____

*Died in the service of their country.

Menu

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Tossed Green Salad
with
Roquefort Dressing

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Eastern Prime Rib of Beef

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Baked Potato
with Sour Cream

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Green Beans

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Rolls

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Ice Cream

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Coffee Milk

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Chesterfield Cigarettes
Courtesy of
Liggett & Myers

Program

A. MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Sam Balter

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ..... Wilbur Johns

C. ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ..... Irv Drasnin

D. FRESHMAN BASKETBALL ..... Deane Richardson

E. VARSITY BASKETBALL ..... John Wooden

F. AWARDS .....

Sigma Pi Fraternity's Bob (Ace) Calkins Memorial Perpetual Award for the Varsity Free Throw Champion ..... Tom Ham

Caddy Works Award presented annually to a member of the UCLA Varsity selected for his competitive spirit, inspiration, and unselfish contribution to the team ..... Wilbur Johns

Glendale Bruin Club Trophy awarded annually to a member of the UCLA Varsity for outstanding service to his team and University ..... Charles McLaughlin

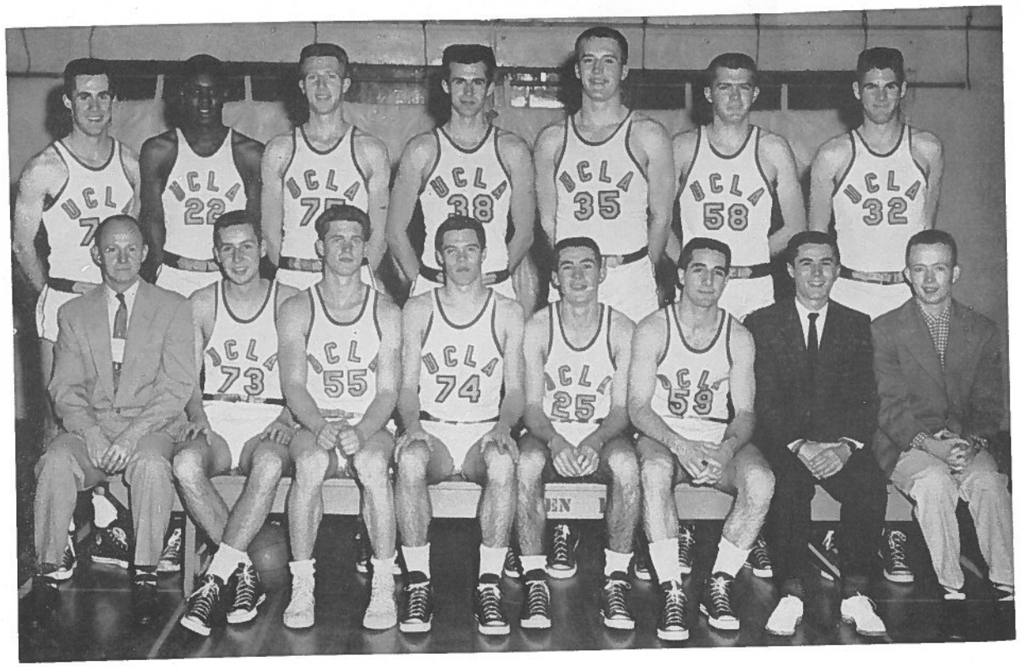
Bruin Bench Perpetual Trophy presented annually to a UCLA Varsity player who has shown the most improvement in overall play and mental attitude from the previous year as selected by a committee from the Bruin Bench ..... Ray Carlisle

Armond Freshman Trophy presented for the first time to UCLA Freshman player having the best scholarship and most playing time ..... Seymour Armond

Awards to Seniors by Bruin Bench ..... Ray Carlisle

Alumni Association Award presented annually to the graduating senior of the UCLA Varsity as the outstanding all-around student and athlete ..... Cyril Nigg

G. ALMA MATER ..... Bob Johannesen



THE 1955-56 UCLA FRESHMAN SQUAD

First row, from left: Deane Richardson, coach; Richie Elzer; Ron Von Hagen; Fred Crabtree; John Carmack; Ken Rubino; Russ Bogda, manager; John Barnes, manager. Second row, from left: Larry Webster; Walt Torrance; Roland Underhill; Ron Wallace, captain; Ken Kennedy; Bob Archer; Mike Smith.

FROSH SEASON REVIEWED

UNDER the able coaching of Deane Richardson and Ed White the Brubabes enjoyed one of their most successful seasons ever. The Bruin Cubs won 13 out of their fifteen games and swept their four games with the SC Trobabes.

UCLA's junior team opened its season with wins over Riverside and Pasadena. They were sparked in these wins by Walt Torrence and Ron Wallace who topped the team in scoring in these games.

Then the team lost its first game to a classy Ventura JC squad in a game played on the winners floor. Wallace scored 18 against the Pirates.

Playing at the Pan Pacific the classy quintet then downed the SC Frosh and Fullerton in two games. This time Fred Crabtree and Torrence split scoring honors.

Then the Brubabes lost their second game to the powerful LACC five. Playing well through the whole game the Frosh finally lost out by 10 points to the more experienced City College team.

Next came Pepperdine and Santa Monica as the Brubabes kept rolling on. Against Santa Monica Torrence scored 33 points and Bob Archer was next with 19.

At mid-season the Brubabes lost Torrence and Ron Von Hagen due to ineligibility. Torrence was leading the team with a 22 plus average over the first half of the season.

Even without Torrence and Von Hagen the Brubabes didn't lose a game in the second half of the season. Their wins included a very pleasing win over Ventura in a rematch and two more over the cross town Trobabes. They also knocked off the Harbor Seahawks who went on to take the state JC crown.

With Torrence out, Fred Crabtree led the scorers the whole season. Larry Webster took Torrence's place on the first five and did a great job. At the season's end Wallace was elected honorary captain by his mates. Roland Underhill led the team in rebounds and bagged 19 and 23 in a two game series with SC.